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It is requested that the enclosed references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

The enclosed documents were cited in a Search Report for European Patent Application EP 98 10 7815 dated June 2, 1999, copy enclosed. FR 2 519 248A, and in particular page 1, lines 1-30, drawings 1-4 and page 6, lines 8 and 9, were cited as Category Y (of particular relevance in connection with another reference of the same category) with respect to claims 1 and 2. EP 0 579 868, and in particular column 2, lines 40-52, Figs. 1-4, column 3, lines 41-47, were cited as Category Y with respect to claims 1-6, and page 4, lines 25 and 26, were cited as Category A (technological background) with respect to claim 4. DE 36 00 804, and in particular, the drawings, were cited as Category A with respect to claim 5. EP 0 201 407, and in particular, the drawings, were cited as Category A with respect to claim 5. DE 196 01 340, and in particular, the entire document, was cited as Category Y with respects claims 1-6.

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Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the enclosed reference(s) are respectfully requested.

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